# TERRI ANN MOTOSUE 3269 ALANI DRIVE HONOLULU, HAWAII 96822

April 10, 2019

Senator Karl Rhodes Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary State Capitol, Room 204 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 710 - Consideration and Confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee, TERRI ANN MOTOSUE

Dear Senator Rhodes,

Thank you for your questions relating to my nomination to the Commission on the Status of Women (the "Commission"). I am grateful for the opportunity to respond and hereby submit a written statement as follows:

1. Please describe your understanding of the role and jurisdiction of the Commission on the Status of Women (Commission).

My understanding of the role of the Commission is to fulfill its mission, which, in general terms, is to strive for equity for women in the State of Hawaii through legislative advocacy, education, collaboration with other governmental agencies and non-profit organizations, and program development and implementation. The jurisdiction of the Commission is statewide.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Commission?

I believe that my role and responsibilities as a member of the Commission is to support the implementation of the stated purpose of the Commission as set forth in Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 367-3, namely for the Commission to:

- Act as a central clearinghouse and coordinating body for governmental and nongovernmental activities and information relating to the status of women;
- Create public awareness and understanding of the responsibilities, needs, potentials, and contributions of women and their roles in the changing society;
- Recommend legislative and administrative action on equal treatment and opportunities for women;

Senator Karl Rhodes Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary April 10, 2019 Page 2

- Encourage a long-range program of education of women in their political rights and responsibilities, particularly with respect to their voting duties;
- Maintain contacts with appropriate federal, state, local, and international agencies concerned with the status of women;
- Cooperate and collaborate with national groups on the status of women and arrange for participation by representatives of the State in White House conferences and other national conferences from time to time;
- Administer funds allocated for its work; be authorized to accept, disburse, and allocate funds that may become available from other governmental and private sources; provided that all such funds shall be disbursed or allocated in compliance with any specific designation stated by the donor and in the absence of such specific designation, such funds shall be disbursed or allocated on projects related to any of the purposes of this chapter; and
- Submit an annual report with recommendations to the governor and the legislature.
- 3. Why do you wish to serve as a member of the Commission? Please note if you initially applied to be nominated to the Commission or if you were invited to apply.

Being a member of the Commission means the opportunity to have a positive impact on the lives of women and girls in the State of Hawaii. The Commission is a catalyst for change and awareness. The recent success of the Commission's study on sex trafficking in Hawaii brought needed awareness regarding the problem of human trafficking and, more significantly, will assist with finding a solution to stop the problem and protect victims. The leadership shown by the Commission in trafficking of women as well as other important equality issues is the type of leadership that draws me to the Commission. I had expressed an interest to the Governor's office for a position on a board or commission. After extensive discussions, it was decided that I would be considered for an appointment on the Commission.

4. Please describe why you believe that you are qualified to be a member of the Commission. Please discuss any skills, expertise, knowledge, or volunteer involvement that would aid in your decision-making ability.

My legal background has prepared me to serve on the Commission. I began my legal career in New York City at a Wall Street law firm and was involved in large cross-border and domestic corporate transactions running in the multi-million dollar and billion dollar range. As a partner at Ashford & Wriston, I continue to work on numerous large scale transactions. These complex deals involve many

parties, sometimes with conflicting interests, and the group needs to come together to bring the transaction to a successful close. My experience as a transactional attorney will serve me well as a member on the Commission where the issues, problems and policies affecting women and girls in Hawaii are often-times complex and intertwined.

I have a history of volunteerism and public service, which has also prepared me to serve on the Commission. As a teenager, I volunteered with the Hawaii Heritage Center, a non-profit organization based in Chinatown dedicated to the preservation of Hawaii's multi-ethnic history. In college, I was elected to the Manoa Neighborhood Board and co-founded Hui Ho'ihi, a domestic violence prevention student organization. Hui Ho'ihi members gave presentations about abuse and respect in relationships to elementary and intermediate students and was recognized by Pearl City High School for its work. In law school, I became active in extracurricular activities, including the Public Interest Law Journal of the Boston University School of Law where I was elected Editor-in-Chief. As a practicing lawyer in New York, I was active with professional groups, including the American Bar Association and the Asian American Bar Association of New York, where I remained committed to diversity issues affecting the legal profession. As a visiting attorney at White & Case in Bangkok, I advised, on a pro bono basis, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for the Pacific and Asia on legal issues related to trafficking of women and children. Currently, I serve on the Board of Directors of Child and Family Service and Hawaii Heritage Center, and I am also a member of U.S. Japan Council. I believe that I will add value to the Commission with my local, national and international professional experience and community service activities.

5. What do you hope to accomplish during your term as a member of the Commission?

If confirmed for a position on the Commission, I hope to increase the number of programs and events on major issues affecting women and girls.

6. What issues do you believe that the Commission has handled well in the past? What issues do you believe that the Commission should address in the future?

The Commission brought trafficking of women to the forefront through its study called "Sex Trafficking in Hawai'i." Domestic violence and sex discrimination are two issues that the Commission should continue to focus on.

Senator Karl Rhodes Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary April 10, 2019 Page 4

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest that would arise during my tenure as a member of the Commission. If any conflicts of interest arise, I will consult with the Executive Director, the Deputy Attorney General assigned to the Commission and the other members on the Commission to resolve the conflict and recuse myself, if necessary.

8. Is there any other information regarding your experience and background that you believe should be considered for your nomination?

No.

Please reach me at the above noted address should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Very truly yours,

Terri Ann Motosue



## 'O kēia 'ōlelo hō'ike no ke Komikina Kūlana Olakino o Nā Wāhine

# Testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women

Prepared for the Senate Committee on Judiciary

In Support of GM711

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Wakai, and Honorable Members,

The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women <u>supports</u> the nomination and confirmation of Ms. Terri Ann Motosue to the Commission. Ms. Motosue is currently a partner at the law firm of Ashford and Wriston. She also serves on the board of directors for Child and Family Services, Hawai'i's largest non-profit social service provider dedicated to the well-sbeing of our most marginalized communities.

Ms. Motosue has been recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in America in real estate law, and has robust experience in international practice. Her expertise would be a valuable asset to our agency. Accordingly, we ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Motosue to the Commission.

Sincerely, Khara Jabola-Carolus



DATE: April 16, 2019

TO: Senator Karl Rhoads

Chair, Committee on Judiciary Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Gary Slovin

**GM 710 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the** 

Commission on the Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee,

TERRI MOTOSUE, for a term to expire 06-30-2023. Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

**Conference Room: 414** 

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

I submit this testimony in strong support of Terri Motosue to the Commission on the Status of Women. Terri has been very involved in community affairs for a long time, serving a number of not-for-profit organizations. Terri is a collaborative individual, very easy and fun to work with. She is also a creative thinker and a natural leader. I have observed her legal work and know her to be a diligent and conscientious person. If she agrees to take on a task she will do it and do it well.

All in all, Terri will be a significant contributor to the Commission, and, therefore, I strongly commend her selection for this position.

# **GM-710**

Submitted on: 4/11/2019 8:19:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/16/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan P. Armstron	Testifying for Oahu County Committee of the Oahu County Democrats	Support	No

#### Comments:

The O'ahu County Committee of the O'ahu County Democrats writes in proud support of Terri Ann Motosue, Esq, nominated by our Governor to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Ms. Motosue is a reputable attorney and community member, with a useful background in child and anti-trafficking advocacy. Her career in real estate and financial law demonstrates her grasp of complexity and evidence-based decision making, critical to the multi-faceted work of the Commission. We Democrats have every confidence in Ms. Motosue's capability, and wish her every success in her service. Please vote to confirm Terri Ann Motosue. Thank you.

Respectfully, Dylan P. Armstrong, Vice Chair O'ahu County Committee, O'ahu County Democrats

91-1841 Fort Weaver Road Ewa Beach, HI 96706 Phone 808.681.3500 Fax 808.681.5280 Email cfs@cfs-hawaii.org www.childandfamilyservice.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tony Mizuno CHAIR

April 12, 2019

Louise Ing FIRST VICE CHAIR

Catherine Camp SECOND VICE CHAIR

> Arnold Martines SECRETARY

Glen Kaneshige TREASURER

Michele Saito PAST CHAIR

Karen Tan PRESIDENT & CEO

> Carol Ai May Todd Apo John L. Arizumi Michelle Bartell Clayton Chun Deanne Cornejo Christopher Dods David Haverly Gina Haverly Scott Higashi Kathy Inouve Erin Kirihara Anton Krucky Frances P. Lui-Kwan Lori Lum Alika M. Mau Steve Metter Terri Ann Motosue Alan Ong Emily Porter Crystal Rose Martha Smith Earl Stoner Richard Wacker Beth Whitehead Mark Yamakawa Joseph Young Michael Young

**ACCREDITATIONS** Council on Accreditation Better Business Bureau

AFFILIATIONS Alliance for Strong Families and Communities Kauai United Way Maui United Way Hawaii Island United Way



Senator Karl Rhodes Chair, Judiciary Committee State Capitol, Room 204 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 710 - Submitting For Consideration and Confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee, TERRI ANN MOTOSUE,

FAMILY SE

private nonprofit serving Hawai'i since 1899

For a Term to Expire 6-30-2023

Dear Senator Rhodes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of Terri Ann Motosue's nomination for a position on the Commission on the Status of Women (the "Commission"). Child & Family Service ("CFS") was founded 120 years ago and is the State's largest social service organization. CFS manages nearly 50 different programs statewide including Head Start, transitional apartments and shelters for women and children of domestic abuse, advocacy and support groups for victims of domestic violence. As President and CEO of CFS, I know very well traits of an effective board – dedication to the organization, passion for the mission of the organization, and hard work. Terri possesses each of these qualities, and more importantly, she has the experience with and exposure to issues affecting women and girls as a member on our Board of Directors.

Terri has served as a Director of our CFS Board for about six years. Our Board of Directors meets quarterly, and in addition, and there are committee meetings that the Board members need to attend which are held several times a year. There are also fundraisers and other types of functions and events that Board members are encouraged to participate in. Terri fulfills her duties and responsibilities on the Board of Directors and has greatly contributed to the success of CFS. In fact, she went beyond her role as a member on the Board of Directors and has volunteered her time and legal expertise as pro bono counsel to CFS. We are extremely grateful for this assistance. Terri's passion for CFS's mission of *strengthening* families and fostering the healthy development of children (especially women and girls) and her strong work ethic, drive her to ensure the success of CFS in any way she can, despite a demanding career in private practice.

I believe Terri will add tremendous value to the Commission and urge her confirmation as the next member on the Commission. Please call me at (808) 681-1460 if you have any guestions.

Sincerely,

Karen Tan, LCSW President & CEO

Karen Tan



Mission: Strengthening Families and Fostering the Healthy Development of Children



DATE: April 11, 2019

TO: Senator Karl Rhoads

Chair, Committee on Judiciary Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Rick Tsujimura

RE: GM 710 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the

Commission on the Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee, TERRI

MOTOSUE, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019

**Conference Room: 414** 

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

I am writing in support of Terri Motosue's appointment to the Commission on the Status of Women. I urge your confirmation.

I have known Terri for many years. During that time she has demonstrated a genuine interest in serving the people of the State of Hawaii. Her energy and enthusiasm comes at a time when folks would rather just not get involved. In this she is a bright light. She also has administrative and leadership skills which make her a substantive addition to the Commission.

To reiterate, I urge the committee's positive affirmation of her nomination.

## KEVIN Y. HOSHINO 3659 Waaloa Pl Honolulu, HI 96822

April 11, 2019

Senator Karl Rhodes Chair, Judiciary Committee State Capitol, Room 204 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 710 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee, TERRI ANN MOTOSUE

Dear Senator Rhodes and Committee Members:

I write in strong support of Terri Ann Motosue's nomination to serve on the Commission on the Status of Women. I have known Terri since high school; both of us attended Roosevelt High School.

Terri is the perfect candidate for the position: she is a skilled lawyer with local and national achievement who also possesses a deep commitment to the community. Terri is on the board of directors of several non-profit organizations in Hawaii, as well as a volunteer and pro bono counsel to some of these organizations. She is dedicated and committed to these organizations, despite a full plate of clients and legal work as a law firm partner.

Terri has passion for every endeavor that she undertakes. Her track record for achievement speaks volumes for the passion she puts behind the projects that she takes on, and consequently, I know that she will make significant contributions to the Commission on the Status of Women, if she is confirmed by the Senate.

I urge you to confirm Terri Ann Motosue's nomination to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Very Truly Yours,

Kevin Y. Hoshino

Joanna J.H. Markle 2275 Apoepoe Street Pearl City, HI 96782

April 11, 2019

Senator Karl Rhodes Chair, Judiciary Committee State Capitol, Room 204 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 710 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on the

Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee, TERRI ANN MOTOSUE, for a term to

expire 6-30-2023

Dear Chair Rhodes, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

I write in strong support of Terri Ann Motosue's nomination to serve on the Commission on the Status of Women. I have personally known Terri for the past seven years and worked with Terri during my previous role as Executive Director at Yamamoto Caliboso, LLLP. I currently serve as the Customer Ombudsman for the Hawaiian Electric and I am also a Board Member of the Honolulu Community Action Program.

Terri is an outstanding candidate for the position: she not only is an accomplished lawyer with local and national achievement, but possesses an unwavering commitment to the community. Terri has been active in several non-profit organizations in Hawaii, including Child & Family Service and the Hawaii Heritage Center. She has also represented the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on issues related to the trafficking of women and children. Terri has served and continues to serve as a volunteer for these types of organizations in order to better her community, despite a demanding career as a law firm partner in private practice.

As a former business colleague and friend, I can also speak first-hand about the passion for whatever project Terri undertakes that has won her numerous awards for excellence, including recognition as a "Best Lawyer" for real estate, 40 Under 40 by Pacific Business News, 20 for the Next 20 by Hawaii Business magazine's "Best Lawyers Under 40" award by the National Asian Pacific Bar Association. Her clients rest assured that they can count on Terri any time of the day and night, she is reliable, steadfast, their staunchest advocate, and she cares. I know that this passion and her track record for achievement will drive her to make meaningful contributions to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Terri is uniquely positioned to be a member of the Commission on the Status of Women with respect to her legal background, commitment to excellence and dedication to the betterment of her community, and her efforts to provide leadership and represent women in the business community. I strongly urge you to confirm her nomination to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Sincerely,

banna J. H. Markle

# Jon A. Gasper P O Box 4251 Honolulu, Hawaii 96812

April 12, 2019

Senator Karl Rhodes Chair, Judiciary Committee State Capitol, Room 204 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 710 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee, TERRI ANN MOTOSUE

Dear Senator Rhodes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I am writing in strong support of Terri Ann Motosue's nomination to serve on the Commission on the Status of Women. I have personally known Terri for the past 10 years. I work at the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, in the Real Estate Branch, and also am a Director with HGEA.

Terri is an outstanding lawyer and person. In 2008, Terri was featured in a Honolulu Advertiser article entitled "Breaking the Glass Ceiling in Law" for being the then-youngest Managing Partner in the history of Carlsmith Ball LLP. See attached copy of the article. Since that time, she has been awarded with a number of honors, both locally and nationally, including being recognized as a "Best Lawyers Under 40" by the National Asian American Bar Association and a "20 for the Next 20" by Hawaii Business magazine. Those that know Terri well are not surprised by the recognition she has earned throughout the years.

I know Terri will make significant contributions to the Commission on the Status of Women, and consequently, I strongly urge you to confirm her nomination to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Sincerely,

Jon A. Gasper







Penind on Taustoy, Oxiober T. 2008

TOP LAWYER

# Breaking the glass ceiling in law

By Carrie Lum

Advertiser Staff Writer

Tent Ann Motosue is a managing partner at Content to Bai LLP handling business development and recruiting. She is one of three temate managing partners at the time.

O. Is it unusual to have three women heading a lenge law firm?

A. When you look at the Maintand law firms and even here. I think it is unusual dut our firm has a history of being progressive I in 37, but the current chairman of the firm, Kart Kohayashi, was a your older than me when he was promoted to managing partner and that was 15 years ago. Carlamith also had the first woman lawyer and partner in Hawain. So given the progressive history and the restructuring to having three women perfectes it is not a surprise for us. But when people look at us and compare us to other Mainland taw firms and other large corporations, it does took prenty unusual.

O. Is there a glass calling for women in law?

A, If a long-standing problem, the glass ceiling But I think it's getting better. Clearly if a major law firm its Hower's is going to promote these women as interesting partners, and of course Hillary Clinton being involved in national politics, and of course Sarah Patin, i think it's eart of ripe for women to really due to the top in terms of leadership. It's really dynamic and exciting times when I see all little hopperang, especially with the economy being so that

O Do you soo yourself as a role model?

A. I don't know if I see myself, as a role model. My goal has always been just to be the best person and lawyer and managing patter as I can. That's sort of my over-eighing goal.

O. Have you always been interested in law?

A. I wanted to be a lawyer ever since I was really small. My parents thought that I talked too much so they thought why not put that mouth to good use. I thought about being in litigation where talking comes in handy, but ended up in corporate law.

O. After graduating, you stayed on the Mainland? What brought you back to Hawe???

A. I worked in New York Caty for six years, storted first with White & Case, which is a large international law firm. I apent two years of King & Spaking and got a mail taste for the Mainland practice and what it's like to live in the big city. I had pold off my student foan after six years and I thought. "Gee, what do I want to do with my like?" and I thought about changing jobs. I was offered a job at Wall Disney World in Plorida and decided after not taking first job that I should just go home because that's where family and thands were. I interviewed with Certamith and have been here for tour great years.



fund Ann Motorculus Intentificacy) at Asia on an remodate of Wilsto & Cuse LLP in Maw York City, the cishon or gost One fund to you work

BIRDE ASARO | The Honolina



The handulusdvertiser converto 6/2008/Oct/07/bz/hawaid10070317 html

Q. When you got out of low school, ald you envision yourself in this position of this age?

A No. Not at all. When I made the decision to come back, you never really know how it's going to work out and at some point you just take the leap of faith that it's going to work out. For these four years, it's really exceeded my expectations by far. Not in my wildest drawns would there ever believed that the fam would have promoted me as quickly as they did. I was here a year and a half and I got promoted to partner and thereafter subsequent levels and all the way up to managing partner. It's been very gream-like, but at the same time charlenging and afectivery exciting.

#### Q. Do you silv handle cases?

A. Yes, I keep a full client page foad. It's been a bit of a challenge to juggle both at one time. But I'm always looking for ways to challenge myself so this is the newest challenge in my Me,

#### O Do you prefer one over the other?

A. I like them equally, I really enjoy the clients. They're such a planeurs to work with. So that's really tun and it's challenging to work on big development deals and big finance deels. But management too is very rewarding because you're building things, you're restructuring things to make things more efficient, you're handing problems. For the, I'm building and marketing intractions here, so it's all just creation and it's all very new and exciting for me.

C). You specialize in Shance, mergers, ecquestions, corporate and business law, flave you noticed any changes in your clients' effludes or your approach to business slace the financial casis ha?

A Maybe not so much diant approach, but people are becoming more shittish about lending money and borrowers are becoming more worked about the credit crunch and lenders are becoming more stringent. It's also given rise to landers being able to require a whole host of things from borrowers, tighter financial covernment, as wall as other types of requirements related to the lean because now the borrowers reaked they're having a hard time getting the money so the tenders are coming from a very good negatiaring posture. So when you represent borrowers, as I did a couple of months ago. It was a little harder to negotiate because you know the money's going to be harder to negotiate.

#### Q. You've represented both sides?

A. Yas. On the Maintand, I did mostly lender work, so representing investment banks. Here, I tend to do more borrower work and that's probably because I'm in the real property group and we represent a by of developers. So it's developers getting construction towns, for coample, from various landers. TERRI ANN MOTOSUE

Age: 37

Title: Managing partner

Organization: Carismith Sall

Born, Honelalu

High School: Rooseveit High School

College: (Intronsity of Hawai')-Manoa (M,A. und B,A. In petitical actence); Besten University (J.D.)

Brainkthrough jub, Becoming an associate at White & Gase LLP in New York City, the eighth-largest law firm in the would, comprised of more than 2,100 attorneys in 23 countries.

Little-known fact: Appeared on an episode of "The Soprances"

Mentors: My parents, Warren and Karen Motosue, who faught me to adopt a strong work ethic, keep a positive attrude and dream big

Major challenge Balancing a new management position with the demands of a full client forth will still trying to remain active in community a clivities.

Habbies: World travel,

Books recently read: "1421 — The Year Chara Discovered America," by Gaven Menzies "Eat Pray Love: One Women's Surech for Everything Across Italy India and Indonesia," by Elizabeth Cabort

O. The way things are now, is it lougher to represent one side over the other?

A it's probably easier to represent fenders and harder for borrowers, but you roll with the puriches and you get the best deal you can for your clients, given the current economic crisis.

Q. You're involved with several community organizations?

A Pm on the board of the Guild, which is part of the Honolulu Academy of Arts. I'm also a volunteer with the Hawaii Herkege Center, which is a 501(c)(3) organization. They're best known for that Historical and cultural walking sours of Chinatown and exhibits on various ethnic groups.

D. Whars next for you?

A l'dilite to be here al Carlsmith in a leadership position. The exciting thing about our practice is a believe it will continue to become more global. This being a reaction to increasing number of corporate clients expending their internetional connections. I hope to be a catalyst in continuing to

the honoruluadvertser com/article/2008/Oct/97/bz/hawaii810070317.html

Breaking the glass ceiling in law | The Honolulu Advertiser | Hawaii s Newspaper

develop our platform as a Pecific regional low firm and to maintain the high level of practice and client service.

Reach Curts Lum at culumfil handulusdvortser.com.

## Kareen Tanoue 1136 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 250, Honolulu, HI 96816

April 12, 2019

Senator Karl Rhodes Chair, Judiciary Committee State Capitol, Room 204 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 710 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee, TERRI ANN MOTOSUE

Dear Senator Rhodes and Committee Members:

I write in strong support of Terri Ann Motosue's nomination to serve on the Commission on the Status of Women. I have personally known Terri for the past 12 years. I am the owner at HI-Performance Pilates, LLC.

Terri is an exceptional candidate for the position - she not only is an accomplished lawyer with local and national achievement, but possesses a strong commitment to her community. Terri has been active in several non-profit organizations in Hawaii, and has also represented the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on issues related to the trafficking of women and children as well as dedication. Terri has served and continues to serve as a volunteer for these types of organizations in order to better her community, despite a demanding career as a law firm partner in private practice.

As a friend, I can also speak first-hand about the energy for whatever project Terri undertakes that has won her numerous local and national awards for excellence. I know that this energy and her track record for achievement will drive her to make meaningful contributions to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Terri is uniquely positioned to be a member of the Commission on the Status of Women with respect to her legal background, commitment to excellence, and professionalism. I strongly urge you to confirm her nomination to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Sincerely,

Kareen Tanoue



## April 10, 2019

The Honorable Senator Karl Rhodes Chair, Judiciary Committee State Capitol, Room 204 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 710 - Submitting For Consideration and Confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee, TERRI ANN MOTOSUE, For a Term to Expire 6-30-2023

Dear Senator Rhodes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I write to support Terri Ann Motosue's nomination to serve on the Commission on the Status of Women ("Commission").

I personally know Terri, who is a fellow woman partner at Ashford & Wriston, LLP. I am a former Deputy Prosecutor for the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, a former President of Hawaii Women Lawyers, a former President of the Board of Domestic Violence Clearinghouse & Legal Hotline, now the Domestic Violence Action Center, and a current member of the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation. I have spent my entire career involved with women's issues, and consequently, I understand very well the issues affecting women. Based on my experience and background, I believe that Terri will make an outstanding member of the Commission.

Terri possesses a strong commitment to the community. She is active in community organizations in Hawaii and has also been active in the other communities (New York, Boston, Bangkok) that she has been a part of. Terri also makes pro bono work a priority, and her work with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and Child & Family Service evidences that commitment. Although she has a demanding legal career, she finds time to volunteer for these important organizations because she is committed to bettering her communities for women and girls.

I believe Terri will add tremendous value to the Commission. She has the skill, background in advocacy, enthusiasm, and personality to make a

MAILING ADDRESS
Post Office Box 131 / Honolulu, HI 96810

The Honorable Senator Karl Rhodes Re: Gubernatorial Nominee Terri Ann Motosue April 9, 2019 Page 2

significant contribution as a member of the Commission. Please call me at 539-0438 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

vnne Jenkins McGivern

Hearing matter: GM No. 710

Hearing date and time: April 16, 2019 10:00 am

Committee: Judiciary

Submitted by: Tung Chan

Re: Written testimony in support of the confirmation of Terri Ann Motosue for the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the confirmation of nominee Terri Ann Motosue to the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women. My name is Tung Chan and I am an attorney and former Commissioner of Securities and former head of the Business Registration Division for the State of Hawaii. I have known Ms. Motosue as a personal friend and professional colleague for a decade. Her outstanding achievements in her profession are attributable directly to her hard work, intelligence, integrity, fair-mindedness and kindness. Ms. Motosue has also consistently dedicated herself to pro bono work, serving the community and those who are disadvantaged with notable effort. She understands the importance of public service, takes it very seriously and applies her considerable abilities to it. I believe all these qualities will make her an excellent and dedicated commissioner and advocate for the status of women in Hawaii. For these reason, I strongly support the confirmation of Ms. Motosue.

Very Truly Yours,

Tung Chan

### Stacey M. Katakura, CPA

841 Bishop Street, Suite 1618 | Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 | 808.927.7704 | stacey@accumulus.co

April 14, 2019

Senator Karl Rhodes Chair, Judiciary Committee State Capitol, Room 204 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 710 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee, TERRI ANN MOTOSUE

Dear Senator Rhodes and Committee Members:

I write in strong support of Terri Ann Motosue's nomination to serve on the Commission on the Status of Women. I have personally known Terri for the past fifteen years. I am President and Founder at Accumulus Advisors, LLC, a Hawaii-based accounting and advisory firm.

Terri is an exceptional candidate for the position - she not only is an accomplished lawyer with local and national achievement, but possesses an unwavering commitment to her community. Terri has been active in several non-profit organizations in Hawaii, and has also represented the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on issues related to the trafficking of women and children as well as dedication. Terri has served and continues to serve as a volunteer for these types of organizations in order to better her community, despite a demanding career as a law firm partner in private practice.

As both a business colleague and friend, I can also speak first-hand about the passion for whatever project Terri undertakes that has won her numerous local and national awards for excellence. I know that this passion and her track record for achievement will drive her to make meaningful contributions to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Terri is uniquely positioned to be a member of the Commission on the Status of Women with respect to her legal background, commitment to excellence, and dedication to the betterment of her community. I strongly urge you to confirm her nomination to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Very Truly Yours,

Stacey M. Katakura



DATE: April 16, 2019

TO: Senator Karl Rhoads

Chair, Committee on Judiciary Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Mihoko Ito

RE: GM 710 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the

Commission on the Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee,

TERRI MOTOSUE, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019

**Conference Room: 414** 

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

I submit this testimony in **strong support** of Terri Motosue to the Commission on the Status of Women.

I have known Terri for many years, most recently as a colleague and partner at Ashford & Wriston. Terri has been a wonderful addition to the firm since 2017. She brought with her a wealth of professional, legal and management experiences from prior legal practices in other local, national and international law firms. During the time she has been at Ashford, she has quickly become a trusted advisor and friend to me and many others. She has a very successful legal practice, but also has been a bright light at the law firm for going above and beyond in her contributions to firm management and business development efforts.

In my capacity as board member and former president of Hawaii Women Lawyers, I was able to work with the Commission on the Status of Women and observe its commitment to supporting furthering advancing the status of women in the community. I believe that Terri will be a wonderful addition to the Commission, as someone who embodies and is a wonderful example of female leadership in the community. She truly cares about the community, and I have no doubt that she will embrace the opportunity to be a very engaged and active member of the Commission.

For the above reasons, I strongly support the nomination and Ms. Motosue, and respectfully request that the committee advise and consent to her nomination.